such as adequate force availability, weaponry, mobility, communications, and institutionalised mechanisms for sharing of intelligence and operational coordination, can be put in place in a planned manner. Action along these lines has been initiated by the various State Governments. The Ministry of Home Affairs is also following up with the State Governments, and is also providing assistance as required in terms of deployment of forces, helicopters for logistics support, etc.

Relief in loan to weavers

*133. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated a plan to provide relief in loan to weavers;

(b) if so, the outlines of the plan;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment about the loans given to weavers; and

(d) if so, the average loan amount on weavers at national level in December, 2008 in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) A committee headed by Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was formed by this Ministry to look into the problems of high cost of working capital and choking of credit lines in the handloom sector. The committee prepared a Financial Package in this regard whose proposals *inter-alia* include Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies as on 31st March, 2007. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) Handloom Sector comprises largely of household and non-household units, which fall mostly under the unorganized sector. Credit needs of large number of weavers are being met through NABARD's concessional re-finance, Commercial Banks and informal channels. On the basis of data available, the credit flow to Handloom Sector from Co-operative Banks and RRBs during 2007-08 for production purpose was Rs. 950 crores. The Handloom Sector provides livelihood to 65 lakh weavers and allied workers. Thus, the per capita credit availability is Rs. 1461/-.

Effect of shortage of AJTs on trainings

*134. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of insufficient number of Hawk Advanced Jet Trainers (AJTs), the Indian Air Force has decided to reduce by half the number of personnel who will train on these recently inducted aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;